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¶1. Political Officer delivered reftel demarche on initiatives to counter torture to MFA Secretary-General Vicky Tchong on July ¶22.

¶2. SG Tchong responded that Timor-Leste does not have any specific policies or programs for stopping torture and assisting its victims. She indicated that the continuing examination of the human rights violations committed during the Indonesian occupation might eventually lead to the creation of codified anti-torture policies, but underscored that Timor's focus at present was healing those historical wounds via the bilateral Indonesia-Timor-Leste Commission on Truth and Friendship and other mechanisms.

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